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To the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CORBY
DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the District of Corby in accordance with the requirements of section 63 and schedule 9 to the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements of that district.
2. In accordance with the procedure prescribed in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 12 August 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Corby District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the district, the Northamptonshire County Council, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from any interested bodies.
3. The Corby District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972, and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No. 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.
4. The Council have not passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) will therefore apply and the elections of all district councillors will be held simultaneously.
5. On 6 December 1974, the Corby District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 9 wards, each returning 3 members, to form a council of 27.
6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the District Council. We noted that the scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and our own guidelines. Support for the draft scheme was expressed by a political party. Objections to the scheme were submitted by all the Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the district, a political association (who submitted an alternative scheme of representation for the district), an Amenity Society, and 7 individuals. With one exception, all the objections related to the proposal to link the parishes on the periphery of the district with parts of the urban area of Corby to form district wards. We carefully considered all the comments we had received and concluded that the pattern of wards proposed in the draft scheme should be adopted but that those wards containing parishes should be divided

to give a separate representative to each of three groups of parishes. We therefore proposed that there should be 12 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 councillors, to give a total council of 27 members. After consultation with Ordnance Survey, we decided to propose a slight realignment of the East/Shire Lodge ward boundary. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 28 February 1975 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make those draft proposals and the accompanying maps, which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 25 April 1975.

8. The District Council and the political party who had previously supported them, both submitted objections to the draft proposals and asked for them to be replaced by the proposals contained in the Council's draft scheme.

9. Unqualified support for the draft proposals was expressed by all the Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the district, the Amenity Society and 7 individuals 5 of whom had commented previously. The political association expressed support for the draft proposals in so far as they related to the parishes but reiterated their earlier proposals in respect of the wards in the urban area of Corby.

10. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received. We concluded that all the comments received in response to the draft proposals had been fully considered when the draft proposals were formulated and that no new factors had come to light. We therefore decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

11. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached maps. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each ward. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

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12. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the maps are being sent to Corby District Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without maps) are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the maps is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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JUNE 1975.

SCHEDULE 1

DISTRICT OF CORBY: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
CENTRAL	3
DANESHOLME	3
EAST	2
HAZELWOOD	3
KINGSWOOD	3
LLOYDS	3
LODGE PARK	3
RURAL EAST	1
RURAL NORTH	1
RURAL WEST	1
SHIRE LODGE	2
WEST	2

CORBY DISTRICT: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

NOTE: Where the boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similar feature, it should be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature unless otherwise stated.

WEST WARD

Commencing on the eastern boundary of Middleton CP, at a point opposite Danesholme Road, northwards along said eastern boundary, and eastern boundary of Cottingham CP, southeastwards along Cottingham Road, southwestwards and following Beanfield Avenue, southwestwards and following Greenhill Rise, southwestwards along Gainsborough Road, southwards along Tower Hill Road, northwestwards along Danesholme Road to point of commencement.

SHIRE LODGE WARD

Commencing at the southernmost point of Rockingham CP, northeastwards and following said CP boundary and the southern boundary of Gretton CP, southwards along the line of Corby Tunnel, being the Kettering to Manton Railway line, continuing southwards along said railway, westwards along North Valley Stream, northwestwards along Rockingham Road, southwestwards and following Welland Vale Road, southwestwards along Willow Brook Road, northwestwards and following Shetland Way, northwestwards along the northeastern boundary of Lodge Park Secondary School and Playing Field, northeastwards along the eastern boundary of Cottingham CP to the point of commencement.

LODGE PARK WARD

Commencing at the point where Cottingham Road meets the eastern boundary of Cottingham CP, northeastwards along said CP boundary, southeastwards and following the southern boundary of Shire Lodge Ward, southwestwards along Willow Brook Road, southwards along Burns Drive, westwards along Rowlett Road, southwards along the footpath leading to Woodnewton Way continuing southwards along Woodnewton Way and the footpaths opposite No 23 Woodnewton

Way, westwards along Willow Brook Road, westwards along Kingsthorpe Avenue, southwestwards along Abington Road, northwestwards along the eastern boundary of West Ward to the point of commencement.

LLOYDS WARD

Commencing at the southeastern corner of Lodge Park Ward, northwards and following the eastern boundary of said ward, eastwards and following the southern boundary of Shire Lodge Ward, southwestwards along the eastern boundary of the playing field situated between North Valley Stream and Rockingham Road, Southeastwards along Rockingham Road, southwestwards along Occupation Road, southwards along Studfall Avenue, westwards along Cottingham Road, northwestwards along Willow Brook Road to the point of commencement.

HAZELWOOD WARD

Commencing at the point where Gainsborough Road meets the eastern boundary of West Ward, northwards and following said boundary and the southern boundaries of Lodge Park Ward and Lloyds Ward, southwards along the footpath running through Hazel Wood, southeastwards along Westcott Way, southwestwards along Oakley Road, westwards along Gainsborough Road to the point of commencement.

CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the point in Oakley Road being the prolongation northwestwards of the southern boundary of Parcel No 1875 as shown on OS 1:2500 SP 88/89 87 Edition of 1964; northeastwards along said road and continuing northeastwards and following the eastern boundary of Hazelwood Ward eastwards and following the southern boundary of Lloyds Ward, southeastwards along Rockingham Road, southwards along the Kettering to Corby railway line, westwards along the northern boundary of Parcels No 6852, 2766, 4855 and the southern boundary of

1875 as shown on OS 1:2500 Sheet No SP 88/8987 Edn of 1964 to the point of commencement.

EAST WARD

Commencing at the southeastern corner of Central Ward, northwards and following eastern boundary of said ward, the eastern boundary of Lloyds Ward, the southeastern boundary of Shire Lodge Ward and the southern boundary of Gretton CP, southwards and following the eastern boundary of the District, southwards and following the western boundary of Weldon CP and Stanion CP, northwestwards and following the southern boundary of the District, northwards and following the Kettering to Corby railway line to the point of commencement.

DANESHOLME WARD

Commencing at the southeastern corner of Middleton CP, northwards and following the eastern boundary of said parish to the southwestern corner of West Ward, then continuing southeastwards along Danesholme Road, southwestwards along Oakley Road, southeastwards along the southern boundaries of parcels Nos 9048, 0440, 5200, as shown on OS 1:2500 plan SP 86/8786 Edn of 1964, southwards and eastwards along the western and southern boundaries of parcel No 6638, generally southwestwards and southeastwards along the western and southern boundaries of parcel No 0022 and continuing southwards along the western boundary of parcel No 0001 as shown on the latter OS Sheet and OS 1:2500 Sht SP 86/8785 Edn of 1964, continuing southwards and eastwards along the western and southern boundaries of parcel No 1200 as shown on the latter OS sheet and OS Sheet SP 88/8985 Edn of 1964, southwestwards and following the southern boundary of the District to the point of commencement.

KINGSWOOD WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Danesholme Ward meets the eastern boundary of West Ward, northeastwards and following said eastern boundary and the southern boundaries of Hazelwood and Central Wards, southwards along the western boundary of East Ward and continuing southwards along the southern boundary of the District, northwestwards and following the northern boundary of Danesholme Ward to the point of commencement.

RURAL EAST WARD

The parishes of Stanion and Weldon.

RURAL NORTH WARD

The parishes of Gretton and Rockingham.

RURAL WEST WARD

The parishes of Cottingham, East Carlton and Middleton.